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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: State Department of Health Matters.

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FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: 2nd Reading - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: ☒ **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
☒ **FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill specifies that hospital discharge information filed with the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) is confidential except under specified circumstances.

The bill further specifies the circumstances for the review of the death of a child by a local child fatality review team. It also allows a local child fatality review team to review the near fatality or serious injury of a child.

The bill specifies that onsite sewage systems of private homes built by the individual are required to comply with state laws and rules.

Immunization Provisions:

- (1) The bill adds hepatitis A to the list of school children immunizations.
- (2) The bill requires the ISDH, before November 30 of each year, to publish a two-year immunization calendar.
- (3) The bill provides information to parents of Grade 6 students concerning the human papillomavirus (HPV) infection. (Current language provides this information only to parents of female Grade 6 students.)
- (4) The bill requires the ISDH to provide the Department of Education with immunization materials and requires the materials to be distributed to students' parents and guardians.
- (5) The bill requires a health care provider who administers an immunization to enter the information into the state immunization registry.
- (6) The bill requires a school corporation to ensure that immunization information is complete in the state immunization registry not later than the first Friday in February.

Effective Date: July 1, 2015.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The provisions in the bill either should be able to be accomplished within the current level of resources available to the ISDH or would have no fiscal impact.

Additional Information:

Hospital Discharge data: The bill would allow the ISDH to release hospital discharge data with patient identifiable data for research purposes if the researcher executes an agreement with the ISDH concerning the use of the data and the protection of personal information. The researcher is required by the bill to pay any cost of the research. The ISDH would be required to maintain the executed agreement for the life of the research data. The fiscal impact of the provisions would depend on the number of research requests for the hospital discharge data that might be received and would be expected to be small.

Immunization Provisions:

Hepatitis A Immunizations: Current law authorizes the ISDH to expand or modify the list of immunizations required as medical information becomes available that would warrant the expansion or modification. The federal Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), recommended in 2005 that hepatitis A immunizations should be integrated into the routine childhood immunization schedule. ISDH reported that hepatitis A immunization was recommended for incoming kindergarteners in the 2013-14 school year and required for the 2014-15 school year. Any fiscal impact on the ISDH immunization program or the Medicaid/CHIP program should already have occurred and has been accomplished within the existing resources of the agencies. (Hepatitis A vaccine requires two administrations six months apart.)

Immunization Registry Provisions: The bill would eliminate a written immunization reporting requirement for schools while requiring that schools ensure that immunization information on students is complete on the Children's and Hoosiers' Immunization Registry Program (CHIRP) operated by the ISDH. The ISDH would be responsible for creation of the aggregate reports. This requirement may be accomplished within the current level of resources available to the ISDH.

Immunization Educational Materials for Parents: The bill requires the ISDH to annually post a two-year immunization schedule for school children on the agency website. This provision may be met within the level of existing resources since the ISDH already has a two-year calendar posted. The bill revises the requirements regarding the furnishing of information to parents concerning the HPV vaccine. The specified information is to be provided to parents of all children in the 6th grade, not just the girls. The bill further allows the ISDH to provide the Department of Education with educational materials concerning immunizations for distribution to parents. These provisions should be accomplished within the current level of resources available to the ISDH.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: The fiscal impact of the provisions in the bill would depend on individual circumstances, on actions that may be taken by local governmental entities, or would result in a process improvement.

Additional Information:

Local Child Fatality Review Teams: The bill clarifies that the child fatality review team that investigates the death of a child is the team in the area where the incident that caused the child's death occurred, not where the child's death occurred. The total number of cases to be reviewed would not change, but the workload may be redistributed as a result. The impact on the number of incidents that an individual child fatality review team would investigate would depend on the circumstances of individual cases and how these cases might currently be handled.

The bill also allows a child fatality review team to review the near fatality of a child in the review area. The impact of this provision would depend on the actions taken by the individual child fatality review teams.

Owner-Constructed On-site Sewage Systems: The bill provides that while county building codes ordinances may not apply to private homes built by individuals for their own occupancy, such homes must comply with state laws and rules for on-site sewage systems. The fiscal impact of this provision would depend on individual circumstances and the amount of enforcement and compliance activity it may require for the individual counties.

Immunization Provisions:

HPV Immunization Requirements: The bill would eliminate the distribution, collection, and reporting requirements regarding HPV immunization information for the parents of girls in the 6th grade. The elimination of this requirement should have a time-savings impact on local schools.

Immunization Educational Materials for Parents: The bill requires the schools to distribute to parents, ISDH-provided educational materials concerning immunizations. The bill specifies that schools may distribute the materials by posting the information on the school's website. This requirement may be accomplished within the current level of resources available to the schools.

Immunization Registry Provisions: The bill would eliminate a written immunization reporting requirement for schools while requiring that schools ensure that immunization information on students is complete on the Childrens' and Hoosiers' Immunization Registry Program operated by the ISDH. Since health care providers that administer immunizations are required to enter the immunization data on the CHIRP system, this should represent a process improvement for the schools.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: ISDH; Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, Vaccines for Children Program, Vaccines to prevent Hepatitis A; Resolution Number 06/07-1 (Accessed on 1/14/2015) at: <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/programs/vfc/downloads/resolutions/0607-1hepa.pdf> .

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